

REMARKS

In the now allowed parent application, the Examiner made election of species and restriction requirements. Included in the five Groups of claims was Group II which related to a defined developing solution and Group IV which related to a method for developing a printing plate. Applicants elected the subject matter of Group IV (which originally included only claim 14) and added new claims 16-24. Such claims were eventually allowed in the parent application.

In the instant Preliminary Amendment, the present divisional application has been amended to specify the relationship with the parent application and to implement all the revisions to the specification that were made in the parent application. In addition, claims 1-15 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 16-23 have been added. The new claims relate to a developer solution which is defined in the allowed method claims of the parent application. The dependent claims track dependent claims 16-21 and 24 from the allowed parent application with new claim 23 being added to relate to a further aspect of the invention wherein the solution contains a silicate.

Favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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